

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated March 30, 2005, claims 7 and 20 have been canceled and independent claims 1, 10, and 16 have been amended. Claims 1-6 and 8-19 are in the case. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

Record is made of a telephonic phone call from Applicants' attorney Edmond A. DeFrank to Examiner Thomas Peeso on June 27, 2005. The Office Action of March 30, 2005, the cited references and the pending claims were mentioned. A proposed amendment modifying the independent claims was mentioned. The above amendments to the claims reflect the phone call made by the Applicants' attorney.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-6 and 10-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Wong et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,073,178).

The Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection based on the arguments below and the amendments to the claims.

In particular, the Applicants contend that the Wong et al. reference does not disclose all of the elements of the Applicants' claimed invention.

However, the Examiner stated that claims 7-9 and 20 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. As such, although the Applicants contend that the claims are allowable before the present amendment, in an effort to expedite the prosecution of this case, the Applicants have added the limitations of allowable claim 7 into independent claims 1 and 10. Also, the Applicants have added the limitations of allowable claim 20 into independent claim 16. Hence, the Applicants submit that claims 1-6 and 8-19 are allowable.

Consequently, the rejections are moot. The Applicants, therefore, respectfully submit that the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) should be withdrawn.

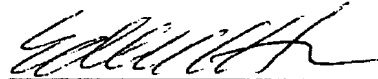
Further, with regard to the dependent claims, since they depend from the above-argued respective independent claims, they are therefore patentable on the same basis. (MPEP § 2143.03). Also, the other prior art references cited by the Examiner also have been considered by the Applicants in requesting allowance of

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the dependant claims and none have been found to teach or suggest the Applicants' claimed invention.

In view of the arguments and amendments set forth above, the Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of the subject application are in immediate condition for allowance. Thus, it is respectfully requested that all of the claims be allowed based on the amendments and arguments. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. Additionally, the Applicants kindly request the Examiner to telephone the Applicants' attorney at (818) 885-1575 if it would further the prosecution of the subject application or if an Examiner's amendment would further the prosecution of the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,
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